

RUSSEL OFF HIS DAIS

President Gets Down to the Floor.

THE COUNTY LEGISLATION

Reorganization Bill Appears in House—Dog Tax Reduced.

Governor Dole signed the Senate and House appropriations bill yesterday morning. The Act, as published this morning in the Advertiser, calls for \$45,000 with which to pay the expenses of both branches of the Legislature for the regular session of sixty days.

The funds become available immediately after publication if there is that amount of loose change lying around in the Territorial Treasury vaults.

Governor Dole relies upon section 1, chapter 1, of the Civil Laws of 1897, which reads: "No written law shall be obligatory without being first printed and made public."

This section was not repealed by the Organic Act, although the two following sections were annulled. These provided for the promulgation of all laws by publication as heretofore. The first section not being annulled, Governor Dole by his act in having the first bill of the First Territorial Legislature published in a newspaper, is of the opinion that the old method still holds good.

Act 1 is entitled "An Act to Appropriation Money for the Purposes of Defraying the Expenses of the Territory of Hawaii of the Year 1901 From the Public Treasury."

Section 1. There shall be and hereby is appropriated the sum of Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) from the Public Treasury for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the session of the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii of the year 1901.

Section 2. This Act shall take effect from and after the date of its approval.

Approved this 27th day of March, A. D. 1901.

SANFORD B. DOLE,
Governor of the Territory of Hawaii.

It will be observed that the Act as finally presented to the Governor for signature spells the word "session" without a "u", as the House would have it.

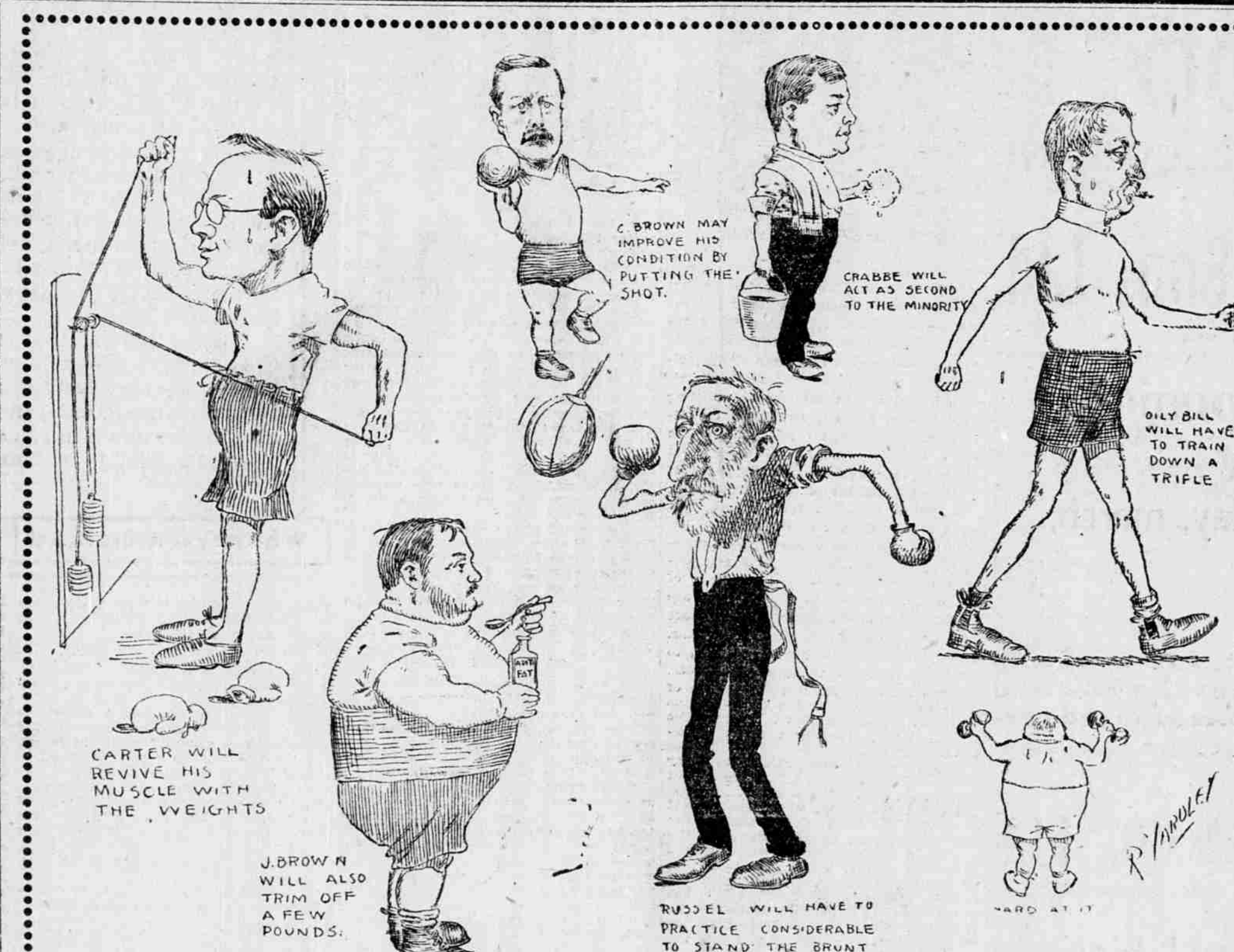
THE Senate was called to order at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and from the aspect of the majority members it was easy to see that a surprise party would be the order of the day. Brown of Hilo and Kaohi looked as if the kahuna bill had passed in the lower house. White's face indicated that the Governor had not yet signed the "dough" bill, and Kanuha was dressed in a white suit and a smile made at his tailor establishment at the Kamehameha schools.

Prayers were said and those familiar with local political bodies noticed that Chaplain Kekipi did not work along the lines of the Greek church.

The minutes were read. Every available chair in the hall was occupied. President Russell sat in his chair looking as stern as they do in Siberia when it is a cold day, and it was possible to hear a pin drop to the floor when the great leader, Kalaauokalani, "The Father of His Country," arose. It was an awful moment and a sigh of relief was very audible when the great lawmaker simply reported for the printing committee to the effect that Senate bill 50 had been printed and was ready for distribution.

The catastrophe was avoided for the moment and no display of anxiety was shown when Senator White arose and on behalf of the committee on claims (this relates to fire claims) asked for further time, stating that the intention of the Senate committee was to call in individual claimants and the private committees formed by Japanese, Hawaiians, Portuguese and other sufferers from the bubonic plague fire and consult with them.

Mr. Baldwin thought that such a movement would amount to the special committee constituting itself a court of claims, and Cecil Brown remarked that he did not propose to sit in his Senatorial chair for the balance of his life listening to a report embodying the individual claims of every Tagosako, Ah Shu-tay or Kanakani. He held that there wasn't room in the official buildings to hold the claimants who would appear before the committee. All the committee had to do was to consider the



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bill before them and report on the merits of it.

Senator Baldwin poured oil on the troubled waters by saying that nobody wanted to prevent an extension of time to the committee to report, and Kaohi got excited and talked a great deal of nonsense until at 10:45 the president found out that there was nothing before the house.

That something was brewing was very perceptible and an ominous silence prevailed when the President stood up and read in English the following communication:

Senate Chamber, March 27, 1901.

To the Senate: Having repeatedly called the attention of this body to the fact that the short time accorded to the Legislature is wasted in debate on trivial matters which are of no interest to the people of this Territory while the passage of measures which were promised by all the political parties are delayed, that little or no work is being done by the several committees, as evidenced by failure to promptly report; that, as a whole, the Senate is practically an inefficient body, and that the short time remaining in which to perform the responsible duties which we are entrusted will prove utterly fruitless if present methods are continued; in the name of all the people and of all the parties who have entrusted us with the high mission of State affairs, which involves life, justice and property, and, in general, the good order of society and property of this young Territory, upon which the people of the whole Union are looking with profound interest, I protest against such an order of things, and I appeal to the best elements of all parties and of all the people to unite for the purpose of doing our plain duty to the people during the remaining half of the session. There is no time to waste.

Being convinced that I can more fully perform my duty upon the floor of the Senate, I therefore beg to tender my resignation as President.

N. RUSSEL.

Interpreted Bush tried to suppress a few smiles and gave out the communication in Hawaiian. A Senator whose name the reporter was unable to catch—being an alias—wanted to know whether the communication had been signed by the Governor, and then Nicholas R— without waiting for "the will of the Senate," left his chair, woke up Vice President Kaiue, sent that interesting politician to the chair and in a dramatic manner took possession of Kaiue's desk and what small change the new dignitary might have left in the drawers.

Mr. Brown of Hilo, after a brief consultation with the bosses, moved that the communication be tabled and Nicholas R— sent back to his chair. Mr. Cecil Brown objected to tabling the matter, which would mean preventing the president from explaining more fully his reasons for deserting the upholstered chair in which Kaiue was resting easy. Senator Cecil Brown grew quite pathetic and referred to free Americans, the glorious Stars and Stripes and explained in true spread eagle style that Nicholas R— could not be forced back to his chair, a question which hadn't been raised.

At that moment Senator White ran short of tobacco or got tired and ordered the Senate to take a recess, which it did.

A caucus was held by the "Home Unruls" at noon and it was decided that Dr. Russell should not be permitted to "talk" and that no action should be taken on his resignation except tabling it. It was nearly 2 p. m. when a quorum was present, and then White tried to adjourn, but failed to have his motion seconded.

Kalaauokalani wanted Senator Russell to explain his reasons for resigning. He

objected to the innuendoes in the communication before the Senate in regard to the work of the committees. He wanted Senator Russell to understand that there are sixteen standing committees and only fifteen Senators, and that work was being expedited as fast as it was possible.

Mr. Cecil Brown arose to a point of order, as there was really nothing before the house, and after a lot of wrangling moved that Senator Russell be given a chance to say something explanatory, referring sarcastically to the new rule 77 of the Senate providing for the "chucking out" of Senators, and asking Mr. White whether the Home Unruls wished to try the new rule on Russell.

Senator Paris objected to the part of the communication from President Russell which reflected on the works of the Senate committees. He fully approved of Mr. Russell stepping down, but he thought the communication undignified and objectionable.

Then the medical politician got on his feet and made even Senator Baldwin smile by saying: "I am here on ze dis floor to expedite matters. Nodding can bring me back in ze chair. You can put my letter on ze table, you can undertake or overtake him, but here I stand myself on ze floor."

This lucid explanation of the situation was followed by an address from Senator Kanuha, who wanted it to be understood that he was a free American, and when his speech was being interpreted into English the secretary waltzed over the floor whispering words in the ears of the faithful, the result of which was Senator White's motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE

Some Important Legislation and Appearance of the County Government Bill.

THE House yesterday passed the Haahahe bill reducing the tax on female dogs to one dollar by the vote of 22 to 6. Gillfillan, Aylett and Monsarrat voting with the Independents and the six against it being Republicans. They also passed the Hoogs bill to prevent the employment of minors in saloons by a vote of 25 to 3, which was a striking illustration of the good feeling which exists in the House between the two parties. One of the three opposed to the bill was a Republican—Gillfillan—and of the other two, Paele's vote was a surprise, but Kaniho was expected to be "agin it," as he seems to be towards most every question. The House got even with him later by tabling his resolution to instruct the special committee on taxation to hurry up and report his bill abolishing personal taxes. He claimed people were being arrested on Hawaii for not paying their poll tax, but Makekau questioned the statement and Kaniho was vigorously sat on.

Senator Crabbe's bill on the G. A. R.

MORE AUTOS AND A CHANCE TO COMPETE WITH THE TRAM

PRESIDENT J. B. ATHERTON and Manager L. T. Grant of the Hawaiian Automobile Company, Limited, are highly elated over the successful introduction of the automobile service in Honolulu. Mr. Atherton said yesterday that had the company twenty more vehicles they could have been put to excellent use in supplying the demands of the public. He says the public has shown its approval of the automobiles, as the rigs are upon the streets day and night.

One feature of the service that has impressed itself upon the public is the lessening of the rates of fare below those charged by the horse hack lines, especially in the business district where two persons are carried for the same price that the hacks charged for one.

Mr. Atherton was asked whether the company intended to increase its number of automobiles.

"Well, Manager Grant is in hopes that this can be done, for it can be seen that we shall need them soon; in fact we need them right now, but we have held no directors' meeting and cannot do so until Mr. Tenney returns from the Coast. The company, you must understand, has been to a great expense in bringing automobiles to Honolulu, purchasing property and putting up the plant, and we may have to go a little slow before making too great an outlay."

"We believe that the system has been successfully launched and that the public appreciates it. Of course there has been some trouble in adjusting the

autos, but these are being overcome gradually. We are thousands of miles away from the factory and when we need some portion for a rig that is not here it takes a long time to get the part from the manufacturers. Then again, we have not got our power down to a fine point and at times the batteries are undercharged and a driver occasionally finds himself stranded a long way from the power house. But even in this respect we are improving, and so, soon, I don't believe there will be anything to complain of.

"It is surprising how the ladies of this city have taken to the autos. They are used a great deal during the day by them for shopping. They are large and roomy and hold lots of packages and that's a point in their favor."

It is also understood that Manager Grant is considering arrangements with the Moana hotel, the Hotel Annex and other beach resorts to establish a line of auto-busses to run between the city and Waikiki in competition with Paine's tram cars. These "busses" will be equipped with powerful batteries and can carry as many persons as an ordinary street railway car of the Paine description. They will parallel the King street car line and will cut the time down almost half.

A further improvement may be the introduction of a parcel delivery system, with auto vehicles especially constructed with this end in view. If the plans come to a focus, Manager Grant will leave for the Coast to make arrangements to have the "busses" and other necessary vehicles down here.

button fraud was about to pass on third reading when Robertson detected a vital error, and it was amended and placed on the calendar for today. Mr. Emmeluth's bill to limit the date under which present plans for street widening could be completed met the same fate. Both bills will probably pass today.

The Independent county bill was brought in from the printer and promptly referred to a special committee of seven to be appointed today. The other bills which came up for second reading were:

Senator Cecil Brown's forest roads bill; sent to committee on agriculture and manufactures. Senator John Brown's bill to abolish capital punishment; referred to judiciary committee.

The following Senate bills were passed on first reading:

Kalaauokalani's personal property exemption bill and Senate bill No. 37, entitled, "An act to regulate the fees of witnesses and jurors." This bill will come up for second reading today, although it was only received in the House this morning.

One new House bill was introduced—No. 73, by Ewaliko, relating to the Oiaa reservation.

For some reason the Cooper communication relating to the journal was put off another day. Paele got in a resolution to deny the secretary's request for the daily journal, but it went over with the communication until today. The Republicans had evidently caucused on the matter as well as the Independents, for Dickey (Rep.) moved the granting of the request as soon as the matter was reached on the order of business. Kumalae (Rep.) seconded the motion with equal promptness. It was apparently this move that disconcerted the Home Rulers and caused Makekau to follow up Paele's resolution with the motion to postpone. There will likely be plenty of oratory turned loose on the subject today.

However, the Independents got in one punch at the Territorial Government in the form of a resolution by Emmeluth again calling on the Governor for the records from July 7, 1885, to June 30, 1900, which was adopted without debate.

The Paele resolution reads as follows:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, That the request of the Honorable Secretary of the Territory for a certified copy of the Journal of this House from the beginning of the present session of the Legislature to the 26th day of the current month, and that thereafter the Journal of each day's session duly certified be filed in his office as soon as the same can be prepared; and, also, that sufficient money be placed at his disposal for making the necessary copies of the same, be and the same is hereby denied.

House resolution No. 75, by Mr. Emmeluth, read as follows:

Whereas, the Governor of this Territory has returned to this House a portion of a certain resolution introduced on the 12th inst., and duly passed by this House—the Governor stating that the request was too sweeping etc.; and,

Whereas, the information sought is of a character properly within the province of this House to enquire into, consider, pass on and ratify or reject accordingly, as the law and the sense of this House may determine; therefore, be it

NEW THEATER IN HONOLULU

Punchbowl Has a Neat Play House.

A PORTUGUESE DRAMATIC CLUB

Social Features of a Strong Organization Among Younger Latin Element Here.

The Youths' Dramatic Club is the unassuming title of a community of the younger element among the Portuguese who aspire to the glare of the footlights and the plaudits of their admiring friends. There is a cozy little club house on Punchbowl street fitted with a well-polished floor, tasteful decorations, electric lights and dressing-rooms, which is owned by a select coterie of the Punchbowl four hundred; where once a week the members of the society who own the house and the land on which it is built entertain their friends at an informal dance. Everything is done with due decorum, the pretty, dark-eyed, dark-haired maidens from the land of the Tagus clad in simple, dainty muslins, sit by their duenna-like chaperones and receive the approaches of their partners with true Iberian dignity. Guitars and mandolins furnish the music, and interspersed with the regulation two-steps and waltzes are square dances whose figures are unknown to American ball rooms.

The dance might be going on in Lisbon or Oporto, to watch the olive skins and glowing eyes, albeit their owners dress more in accordance with up-to-date American fashions than one would expect in a strictly Portuguese ball room.

The gentlemen who are the club members are for the most part clerks in downtown stores, employees of the shops and the railroad, and occupy positions that enable them to spare the necessary funds for such social amusements. The club dances are deservedly popular, and are a pleasant means of bringing the young folks together. The affairs are conducted with strict propriety, the freshments being of the lightest kind, even the light wines of Portugal being eschewed in favor of soda pop and root beer.

With all the Latin races there is an inherent love of things dramatic and operatic which in the present instance suggested the building of a stage in the club house for possible contingencies and finally culminated in the now fully fledged Youths' Dramatic Club. A full outfit of scenery has been painted by Snow, the artist, consisting of a street scene, a garden, a winter scene, and an elaborate curtain, whereon is emblazoned the arms of Portugal supported by the American and Hawaiian flags in their natural colors, with the legend "Youths' Dramatic Club" slung on the green background.

This gorgeous paraphernalia is now in place and the members, who have been taking lessons, whether of imitation or avoidance is not known, from the Alcazar Company, are nightly practicing the drawing of bowie knives and firing of pistols, and studying the advances of Diamond Dick to ascertain the proper tilt of a sombrero, the correct curling of a bandit's mustache, and the exact length of a train-robbor's boots; for they are ardent believers in melodrama, where the villain handles a pistol not a toothpick, and prefers a crepe mask and cloak to the faintest evening attire affected by the bad man of the modern drama. Judicious use of the thunder sheet and the application of carmine to show where the hero's gaping wounds are situated, are necessities to the Punchbowl players. Realism is their stronghold. Therefore the choice of their opening performance has fallen upon "Jesse James," a tragedy, with the lurid accessories of gunpowder, treason and plot.

The exact date has not been set for the performance, but Punchbowl is anxious for the announcement of the rise of the curtain upon the life and adventures of the bold bandit brothers. It will be worth a visit.

Barbour Lathrop Gone.

Barbour Lathrop, society man and bon vivant, who has entertained and been entertained in Honolulu for several weeks, departed yesterday on the Mariposa loaded down with leis and showers of good wishes from the many friends he has made in this city. Mr. Lathrop's countenance could barely be seen on account of the mountainous mass of leis which almost enveloped him. He managed to cast a few hand kisses despite his floral burden and received many in return. Mr. Lathrop goes to New York and may come back to Honolulu with promises of more cotillions of the swell sort.

Easter Opening Today.

The ladies of Honolulu are especially invited by the M. E. Killen Co., Ltd., Arlington block, Hotel street, to attend the grand Easter opening of new and fashionable millinery, etc., today, tomorrow and Saturday. Miss Killen will be in attendance to show her patrons and the public the results of her recent trip abroad.